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Circular relative to certificates of successful vaccination against small-pox to be furnished to emigrants to the Canal Zone and the cities of Colon and Panama.

NOVEMBER 5, 1904.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

To medical officers Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service:

You are informed that General Davis, governor of the canal zone, has requested that medical officers of this Service at United States ports as well as foreign ports be instructed to furnish certificates of successful vaccination against smallpox for such emigrants for the Canal Zone, or for the cities of Panama and Colon, Republic of Panama, as apply for and are entitled to the same.

You are directed to comply with this request, keeping a record of such transactions, and make monthly reports of same to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Walter Wyman, Surgeon-General.

## COSTA RICA.

Report from Limon, fruit port—Imported case of yellow fever recovered and discharged.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended October 22, 1904. Estimated population, 4,000; number of deaths, 4; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers.

General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country

during the week, fair.

The imported case of yellow fever reported last week recovered and was discharged from the hospital October 17.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date.                              | Vessel.                                       | Number<br>of crew. | Number of<br>passengers<br>from this<br>port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of<br>baggage<br>disinfected. |
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| 1904.<br>Oct. 17<br>19<br>20<br>21 | Alleghany<br>Oracabessa<br>Venus<br>Belvernon | $\frac{45}{32}$    | 1<br>0<br>0<br>0                              | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0                 | 0<br>0<br>0<br>0                     |

Five bills of health to Panaman ports were viséed, and 55 passengers for Colon were examined and given certificates.